MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2025

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 4:34 p.m., Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur presided and called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. Councilmembers Michaela Perez, Gabriela Rodriguez, Aaron Starr, Gabriel Teran and Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur were present. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua and Bert E. Perello arrived at 4:36 p.m. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, November 6, 2025 and the amended agenda on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative Offices and on the website.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public comments were received. At 4:36 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session.

C. CLOSED SESSION (4:30 PM)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)).
Name of case: unspecified (disclosure would jeopardize service of process)
Legislative Body: City Council

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section
54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: *Daniel Llamas Sandoval v. City of Oxnard; et al.*
Ventura County Superior Court, Case No. 2023CUPP014956
Legislative Body: City Council

At 5:20 p.m., the City Council reconvened in an open session in the Council Chambers. The City Attorney announced that there were no reportable actions out of closed session.

D. APPOINTMENT ITEMS (5:00 PM)

1. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Public Works Department Workshop - Day 2: Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Operations, and Maintenance. (60 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file an update report from the Public Works Director, City Engineer, and Assistant Public Works Directors, concerning information related to the Capital Improvement Projects, Operations, and Maintenance in the Public Works Department as it relates to quality of life, infrastructure, and natural resources.

The Public Works Director presented and commented on the need to invest more into capital improvements and deferred maintenance. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No public comments were received.

No action was required, this is a receive and file.

E. OPENING CEREMONIES (6:00 PM)

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur presided and called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council concurrently with the Oxnard Housing Authority in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua, Bert E. Perello, Michaela Perez, Gabriela Rodriguez, Aaron Starr, Gabriel Teran and Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur were present. The City Clerk stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday, November 6, 2025 and the amended agenda on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at the Library, City Hall kiosk, City Administrative Offices and on the website.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States led by Lester John Capuyona, a student at Hueneme High School.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager; Eric Sonstegard, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Fischer, City Attorney; Kenneth Rozell, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Michelle McCarron, Assistant City Attorney; Javier Chagoyen-Lázaro, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wolfe, Public Works Director; Anthony Miller, Special Districts Manager; Rob Ruben, Chief Informational Officer; Steve Naveau, Human Resources Director; Lauren Bueling, Admin Services Admin/Supervisor and Lourdes A. López, City Clerk.

F. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Designating December 1, 2025 as "World AIDS Day."

The proclamation was continued to December 2, 2025.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND NON-ACTION ITEMS

Public comments were received from Jessica Castillo; Lt. David Aviles; Robert Young; Joseph Dobzynski, Jr.; Greg Runyon; Melissa Munoz; KC Rodriguez; Doug Partello and Keith Flanagan.

H. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

I. CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The members of the Council provided brief announcements regarding various activities.

Councilwoman Rodriguez requested an update on the Commission on Homelessness.

J. REVIEW OF INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

Item Nos. L-4 and L-7 were reviewed and discussed among the Council and staff.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

No public comments were received.

L. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Clerk Department
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the regular meeting minutes of City Council for November 3, 2025.

3. Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Adoption of Ordinance No. 3070 for California Building Standards and Property Maintenance Codes.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Ordinance No. 3070** amending Articles II through XIII, XV, and XVI, of Chapter 14 of the Oxnard City Code pertaining to the California Building Code, California Residential Code, California Green Building Standards Code, California Historical Building Code, California Electrical Code, California Existing Building Code, California Mechanical Code, California Referenced Standards Code, California Plumbing Code, California Energy Code, California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, Fire Codes, and Fire Sprinklers; creating Article XXIX pertaining to the International Property Maintenance Code, and the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

4. Finance Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Report and Accounting of All Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file this report and accounting of all receipts, disbursements and fund balances for the month of September 2025.

(This item did not originate in Committee)

6. Information Technology Department
SUBJECT: Correction of Lease Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a lease order form with a monthly payment amount of $12,636.68 for Agreement number 32600026 with Toshiba America Business Solutions, which was previously approved by Council on June 26, 2026, with a not to exceed amount of $820,424.88, for citywide managed print, scan and copy services.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

7. Information Technology Department
SUBJECT: First Amendment to Hireclout Inc. Professional Services Agreement for IT Recruitment Services.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 32600052 with Hireclout Inc. in the amount of $1,130,000 for a new, not-to-exceed agreement value of $1,350,000 and extend the agreement term to June 30, 2027, for information technology contractor and recruitment services.

(Finance and Governance Committee approved 3-0 on October 28, 2025)

8. Information Technology Department
SUBJECT: First Amendment to Korel LLC Professional Services Agreement for IT Recruitment Services.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 32600051 with Korel LLC in the amount of $680,000 for a new, not-to-exceed agreement value of $900,000 and extend the agreement term to June 30, 2027, for information technology contractor and recruitment services.

(Finance and Governance Committee approved 3-0 on October 28, 2025)

9. Information Technology Department
SUBJECT: Purchasing Authorization - Frontier Communications Inc.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Frontier Communications Inc. (32600201) for three years with a not to exceed amount of $524,605 for telephone services to the City.

(Finance and Governance Committee approved 3-0 on October 28, 2025)

10. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Amend the Approval of a Purchase Order for a Vacuum Truck for the Public Works Water Division.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council amend the approval of the purchase order from The Charles Machine Works to Pape D.W., Inc. dba Ditch Witch West, for a not-to-exceed value up to $700,000.00 for the purchase of a 2025 Kenworth T480 with a Ditch Witch Hydro Vacuum Truck/Excavator W8 Standard Package (vacuum truck).

(This item did not originate in Committee as this item was previously approved by the City Council on October 7, 2025.)

Consent Item Nos. L-1, L-3, L-6, L-8, L-9 and L-10
It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Perez, to approve the Information/Consent items as presented. VOTE: Perello, Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Basua, Teran and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 7-0.

*Consent Item No. L-2 and L-5 are in the official Oxnard Housing Authority minutes.

Consent Item No. L-4
The Chief Financial Officer was available to answer questions. Councilman Starr would like to see the revenue and expenditure reports for some of the others funds. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No public comments were received.

No action was required, this is a receive and file.

Consent Item No. L-7
The Chief Information Officer presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve Information/Consent Item L-7 as presented. VOTE: Perez, Rodriguez, Starr, Basua, Teran, Perello and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 7-0.

OXNARD HOUSING AUTHORITY

At 7:25 p.m., the joint meeting with the Oxnard Housing Authority concluded.

M. REPORTS

1. City Manager Department
SUBJECT: Seek State approval of proposed four-year agreement to transition Ormond Beach Power Plant to battery storage with $45M of investments in South Oxnard to create a South Oxnard-based non-profit legal aid organization to service low-income residents in the areas of immigration, housing, and employment rights, and to fund the creation of a public facility that serves the South Oxnard community. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION:

   1. That the City Council approve staff's effort to seek State approval of the proposed four-year agreement to transition Ormond Beach Power Plant to battery storage with $45M of investments in South Oxnard to create a South Oxnard-based non-profit legal aid organization to service low-income residents in the areas of immigration, housing, and employment rights, and to fund the creation of a public facility that serves the South Oxnard community.
   2. That the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the agreement and associated documents.

(This item did not originate in Committee)

The City Manager announced a change to staff's recommendation, in that Section 3 of the proposed agreement with GenOn has been modified to read as follows:

3. The City and GenOn shall coordinate to implement the Transition Plan of the Ormond Beach Generating Station units to a new energy resource, including thermal operations extension, in all regulatory proceedings- SACCWIS, CEC, SLC, CPUC, CAISO and with the Governor's office in order to ensure the State of California affirms a date-certain closure of the Ormond Beach Generating Station.

Public comment were received from Arthur Valenzuela, Jr., Eric Watts, Tom Di Ciolli, Alex Mantanona, Aurora Rugerio, Maria Huapalcalco, Lucia Marquez, Angela Whitecomb, Bill Hickman, Fatima Agredano, Sandi Hernandez, Jocelyn Corona, Joan Thorp, Primitiva Hernandez and Claudia G.

RECESSED

The City Council took a break at 9:05 p.m. and resumed at 9:12 p.m.

At 9:12 p.m., *it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez,* to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m. VOTE: Rodriguez, Starr, Basua, Perello, Teran, Perez and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 7-0.

Public comments continued: Sarah Wilczewski, Joseph Dobzynski, Jr., Cesar Campos, Melissa Munoz, Jessica Vasquez, Joy Kobayaski; Elma del Aguila; Vanessa Valdez; KC Rodriguez, Molly McCoy, Christian Sanchez, Jessica Vargas; Noemi Tungui, Ivan Vega, Andy Conli, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Nilo del Aguila, Doug Partello, Alicia Percell, Cynthia Salas, Manuel Herrera; Bev Dransfeldt; Angel Garcia and Debbie Mitchell.

Written comments were received from: Steven Nash; Blanca Ortega; Christina Zubko; Eric Hernandez; David Caskey; Brooke Balthaser; Denae Lassen; Jeffrey Scarberry; Julie Rose Manriquez Dowell; Julia Dowell; David Gilbertson; Kitty Merrill and Peter Dixon.

The City Manager, Chief Assistant City Attorney and Assistant City Manager Golden were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

It was moved by Councilmember Perello, seconded by Councilwoman Basua, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Rodriguez, Perello, Perez and Basua voted in favor; Councilmembers Starr, Teran and Mayor Mc Arthur voting no. The motion carried 4-3.

2. City Manager Department
SUBJECT: City of Oxnard Commitment To Provide Matching Funds of $600K For One Additional Ventura County Public Defender Attorney Position Over Three Years. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council

1. Commit to provide matching funds of $600K for one additional Ventura County Public Defender Attorney position over three years.
2. Direct the City Manager to enter into an MOU on behalf of the City with the Ventura Public Defender's Office for a three-year period, not to exceed $600K.
3. Authorize the City Manager to administratively appropriate $200,000 from the General Fund (101) available fund balance for FY 2025-26 after the signature of the MOU with the County of Ventura.

(This item did not originate in Committee)

At 11:34 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Teran recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest (remote interest) with the County of Ventura.

The City Manager presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Public comments were received from Elizabeth E, Arthur Valenzuela, Jr., Griselda Reyes Basurto, Veronica Hernandez, Samuel Julio, Maria Ricon, Julio Almazan, Eulalia Mendoza, Juvenal Solano, Juan Carlos Diaz, Alondra Mendoza, Josue Vasquez, Ilien Tolteca, Violeta Murillo, Fernando Hernandez, Genevieve Flores-Haro, Noemi Tungui, Christian Sanchez, Odette Moran, Eva Rosette, Sarah Wilczewski, Joseph Dobzynski, Jr., KC Rodriguez, Ivan Vega, Jessica Vargas de Ruiz, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Claudia G, Doug Partello, Cynthia Salas, Steven Auclair, Bev Dransfeldt, Manuel Herrera, Vanessa Valdez and Elma del Aguila.

Written comments were received from: Blanca Ortega, Erica Hernandez; Heather Schmidt; Debbie Thompson; Brian Schumacher and Karen Corcoran.

It was moved by Mayor Mc Arthur, seconded by Councilmember Perello, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Basua, Perello, Perez, Rodriguez and Mc Arthur voted in favor; Councilman Starr voted no. The motion carried 5-1. Mayor Pro Tem Teran recused himself.

On Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 1:58 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Teran was present.

3. <u>Finance Department</u>
<u>SUBJECT</u>: Item Removed from the agenda

6. <u>Public Works Department</u>
<u>SUBJECT</u>: Channel Island Harbor Water Quality Update from the Channel Island Neighborhood Council Marine Advisory Committee. (10 minutes)
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: That the City Council receive and file an update regarding Channel Island Harbor water quality from the Channel Island Neighborhood Council Marine Advisory Committee.

(Live presentation by the Marine Advisory Committee.)

(Public Works and Transportation Committee approved 3-0 on September 23, 2025)

The Special Districts Manager introduced Chuck Carter, Tom McNally and George Bregante with the Channel Islands Neighborhood Council Marine Advisory Committee. Mr. Carter shared with the Council all the outreach that has been done to help the City and County to raise funds for water testing. He stated that the water is not getting better on its own, and it will continue to be degraded until we can restore circulation or reduce the source control. Mr. Carter was available to answer the Council's questions.

Public comment was received from Debbie Mitchell. Discussion ensued among the Committee and staff.

No action was required, this is a receive and file.

4. Finance Department
SUBJECT: Sixth Amendment to the Existing Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Software as a Services– Agreement No. A-8767-19-IT. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Sixth Amendment to the Software as a Service Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. (A-8767-19-IT) for the implementation of My Civic Software and the ongoing My Civic annual fees as well as thirty-seven (37) licenses to optimally operate the Enterprise Permitting & Licensing module of the Tyler software, increasing the contract amount by $308,524.00 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed $11,808,524.

(This item did not originate in Committee)

The Chief Financial Officer presented and was available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff. No public comments were received.

It was moved by Councilman Starr, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Basua, Perello, Perez, Teran, Starr and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 6-0. Councilwoman Rodriguez was absent.

5. Human Resources Department
SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the Ratified Tentative Agreement with the Service Employee International Union, Local 721. (10 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 16,012** approving the tentative agreement with the Service Employees International Association, Local 721.

(This item did not originate in Committee.)

The Human Resources Director and Admin Services Admin/Supervisor presented and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

No public comments were received.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Basua, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Perello, Perez, Teran, Basua and Mc Arthur voted in favor; Councilman Starr voted no. The motion carried 5-1. Councilwoman Rodriguez was absent.

7. Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Amendment of the Solid Waste Rates/Fees Ordinance to Change Single Family Residential Rates. (15 minutes)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council review and approve the first reading by title only and waive further reading of an ordinance titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD AMENDING SECTION 19-203(A)(1) OF CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 7 OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE RATES.

(This item did not originate in Committee as it is a continuation of an item previously approved by the City Council on April 16, 2024.)

The Public Works Director and Assistant City Attorney McCarron presented and were available to answer questions. Discussion ensued among the Council and staff.

Public comments were received from Alicia Percell who read the comments from John Barrick.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Teran, seconded by Councilwoman Basua, to approve the recommended action. VOTE: Perez, Starr, Teran, Basua, Perello and Mc Arthur voted in favor. The motion carried 6-0. Councilwoman Rodriguez was absent.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Mc Arthur adjourned the meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 2:20 a.m.

LOURDES A. LÓPEZ
City Clerk

LUIS A. MC ARTHUR
Mayor